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Late vehicle registration fees to be waived

Lansing – Sen. Garcia, R-Howell, has cosponsored legislation that will waive late fees for vehicle registrations if that vehicle was in storage at the time the registration renewal was due.

Senate Bill 1192, introduced by Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, was developed after learning that late fees are assessed by the Secretary of State for vehicles that miss their registration deadlines because they are in storage. Although comprehensive insurance was maintained on the vehicle and it was not on the road, the charges were still incurred.

“Most vehicle owners, when they have their cars in storage, do not realize that they have missed their registration deadlines,” said Garcia. “This bill enables drivers to register their vehicles only when they are in use. Because they are in storage, they are not driving illegally. Most owners have also maintained comprehensive insurance on their vehicles, so why should they be penalized if they have not broken the law?”

SB 1192, once passed, will waive the \$10 fee if the owner of the automobile can verify that their vehicle was in storage.

The legislation has been referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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